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7703:5: (C) MEETING BETWEEN AMB SMITH AND HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS

1. ( ) - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. WE HAVE BEGUN TO RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS FOR MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADOR SMITH DURING HIS STAY IN ARGENTINA. THESE REQUESTS ARE PROBABLY GOING TO MULTIPLY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. WE BELIEVE THE GOA WOULD PREFER THAT THERE BE NO CONTACT BETWEEN AMBASSADOR SMITH AND HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS HERE, BUT THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON SUCH A MEETING ON THE SMITH VISIT WOULD BE MANAGEABLE. THE GOA IS BY NOW ACCUSTOMED TO SUCH CONTACTS ON THE PART OF OFFICIAL AMERICAN VISITORS (THEY WOULD LEAD THEM AND HECTIC SCHEDULE ASSURED THAT THIS ISSUE DID NOT COME UP DURING GENERAL GOODPASTER'S TRIP).

3. IT SEEMS CLEAR, ALSO, THAT OUR RESPONSE TO THESE REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS WILL BE READ HERE AND ELSEWHERE AS A CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS SIGN OF THE ROLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN OUR POLICY TOWARDS ARGENTINA. FOR THIS REASON WE URGE THAT AMBASSADOR SMITH AGREE TO A MEETING.  
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